

Wisdom in the Hidden Man

Walking In Wisdom - Week 11 (11-13-24)

1 Corin. 2:1-10

I. Hidden Wisdom

- A. Not hidden for the purpose of keeping it away from us.
- B. Laid up for us to uncover.
 - 1. Eph. 3:8-13
 - a) Verse 10 (AMP)
 - (1) God is revealing His hidden wisdom to all spiritual authorities through the church.
- C. God has plans and purposes for the world, for the church as a whole, and for all of us as individuals.
 - 1. It's up to us to fill the unknown spaces with our faith.
 - a) Faith to grow, faith in the preparation, and faith to obey.
 - 2. Converging Lines (*see Graphic below)
 - a) There is a "faith gap" between the revelation of God's promise and the point where our lives come into alignment/convergence with that promise.
 - (1) In God's wisdom, He laid these things out and knows exactly how to get us to that place of convergence; to that place of manifesting His will and purpose.

II. The Individual

- A. God has a purpose and a plan for every individual!
 - 1. Psalm 139
 - 2. Luke 12:6-7
 - a) God cares for and tenderly watches over the life of each of His children.
 - 3. Eph. 1:4-5
 - 4. Philippians 1:6
 - 5. 2 Peter 3:8-10, and John 3:16
 - 6. Think of all the stories where Jesus only ministered to one person instead of masses of people in one setting.
 - a) Woman at the well, demoniac of Gadara, Woman with the issue of blood, the centurion, Peter's mother-in-law, etc
 - (1) God deeply cares for each individual life, and has a plan and purpose for every single one!

III. The Spiritually Mature

- A. 1 Corin. 2:6 - The hidden wisdom of God can only be revealed to the spiritually mature.
 - 1. Soft, fleshy hearts - Ezekiel 36:25-30
 - a) This is core of having any amount of spiritual maturity. Without a heart sensitive toward God, we cannot be led by the Spirit.
 - (1) This is how we know that we are the sons of God, and also our only access to the hidden wisdom of God.

2. Skillful in the word, and practiced at discerning good and evil. - Hebrews 5:11-14
 - a) Dull of Hearing = nothros - lazy; sluggish; slothful(as translated in 6:12)
 - (1) Dull of Hearing does not mean that they were just having trouble hearing or understanding, it means that they were willingly being lazy and inattentive to hearing the Holy Spirit.
 - b) Skillfull = apeiros - unacquainted with; unaccustomed to; inexperienced; ignorant
 - (1) How acquainted and experienced are you with the word of righteousness?
3. Not Carnally Minded or morally corrupt - 1 Corin. 3:1-4
 - a) Sin - 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (Footnote)
 - (1) We all sin and we have a tendency to respond the way that Adam and Eve did; by running away in fear.
 - (a) This response creates distance between us and God/His Word/His Spirit/ His power/His manifest presence
 - (2) But God's work of grace through Christ on the cross gives us the power to come boldly to that throne of grace in our time of need.
 - i) We no longer have to hold on to condemnation but can run freely after the Spirit and receive life and strength.
 - ii) The sooner we can run to the Father with our struggles the sooner He can cleanse us and empower us to mature beyond those things.
4. Unified with the body - Eph 4:11-23
 - a) Being equipped by the various gifts and anointing within the Body.

